



GUIDING LIGHT AWARD

Presented to:

RANDY OKRZESIK

The Guiding Light Award honors individuals who inspire excellence and elevate the community through their leadership and mentorship. This award celebrates those who, through their guidance, have fostered growth in behavior, performance, education, or employment skills, contributing to a stronger and more vibrant community.

Nominated by: Heidi Brooks and Brooke Krey

Summary of Nomination:

Randy Okrzesik is a true beacon of inspiration and leadership within the Itasca community. With over 17 years of dedicated service as a School-Wide Aide at Peacock School, Randy exemplifies the qualities of a servant leader, marked by his profound empathy and genuine desire to support others.

Throughout his tenure, Randy provided personalized attention and guidance to students, fostering a nurturing environment that enabled them to excel. His innovative and compassionate approach to mentorship significantly enhanced educational outcomes and cultivated a strong sense of belonging among the students.

Randy's remarkable ability to bring people together, facilitate teamwork, and integrate diverse perspectives played a crucial role in the success of numerous projects. This collaborative approach reinforced a culture of mutual respect and collective achievement.

His dedication also reached beyond school walls. Randy was a beloved referee for youth basketball games, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to youth development and community engagement.

On behalf of the Village, I sincerely thank Randy Okrzesik for his outstanding mentorship to the younger members of our community. His contributions have made a profound impact and will leave a lasting legacy that will inspire and benefit future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Pruy", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mayor Jeff Pruy

September 8, 2024